

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (cancelled).

Claim 5 (currently amended): An isolated polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein the polypeptide has histatin activity.

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (withdrawn): An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of claim 6.

Claim 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): A composition comprising a polypeptide according to ~~any one of claims 17-20~~ claim 17, and at least one component selected from the group consisting of: physiologically acceptable carriers and immunostimulants.

Claim 10 (original): A composition according to claim 9, wherein the composition is a cosmetic composition.

Claims 11-16 (cancelled).

Claim 17 (previously presented): An isolated polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 10.

Claim 18 (previously presented): An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) sequences having at least 75% identity to SEQ ID NO: 10;
- (b) sequences having at least 90% identity to SEQ ID NO: 10; and

(c) sequences having at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO: 10,
wherein the polypeptide has substantially the same functional activity as SEQ ID NO: 10.

Claim 19 (previously presented): An isolated polypeptide comprising at least a functional portion of SEQ ID NO: 10.

Claim 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (new): An isolated polypeptide comprising at least a functional portion of SEQ ID NO: 10, wherein the isolated polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO: 14.

Claim 22 (new): A composition comprising a polypeptide according to claim 18, and at least one component selected from the group consisting of: physiologically acceptable carriers and immunostimulants.

Claim 23 (new): A composition according to claim 22, wherein the composition is a cosmetic composition.

Claim 24 (new): A composition comprising a polypeptide according to claim 19, and at least one component selected from the group consisting of: physiologically acceptable carriers and immunostimulants.

Claim 25 (new): A composition according to claim 24, wherein the composition is a cosmetic composition.